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Saturday, the 26th August, 1933/10th Chingam, 1109.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the Clock, in the forenoon, the President, Thomas Austin Esquire, I. C. S., Barrister-at-Law, Dewan of Travancore, presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Establishment of cattle breeding farms and pasture grounds.

46. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Municipal Councils*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have done anything to improve the live-stock, chiefly the cows and bulls of the State, by establishing suitable breeding farms and pasture grounds, and, if not, whether they intend to do anything from next year?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Yes. With a view to the improvement of live-stock in the State, Government established two Cattle Breeding Farms, one at Trivandrum and the other at Easanthimangalam in South Travancore. The Farm at Easanthimangalam was abolished towards the middle of 1106 as a measure of retrenchment. Young bulls and heifers reared in the Cattle Farm, Trivandrum, are sold to the public for breeding purposes. The Department of Agriculture maintains a few stud bulls and buffaloes and gives grants to private persons who maintain approved bulls and buffaloes for the general use of the public. The Veterinary Officers tour the country and castrate as far as possible bulls which are unfit for breeding purposes. Government have also provided a sum of Rs. 3,000 in the budget for 1109 under 'Purchase of cattle'.

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MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the member be pleased to state whether they have reserved any land within the municipal towns of the State for rearing milch cows?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Yes.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know which are the towns?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Nagercoil.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Is there any pasture ground near the Trivandrum Municipality?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: I have no information.

MR. K P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know, Sir, how many bulls were castrated during the year 1107?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: It will be somewhere about 700.

12. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the member be pleased to state the number of seed bulls in the Kalkulam taluk?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Last year there was none.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: And year before the last?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: I have not got the information.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Is there any seed bull set apart for the use of Vilavankod taluk?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Somewhere near Tuckkalai, grant was given for maintaining a seed bull some 2 or 3 years back.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: I am asking about Vilavankod taluk?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Yes. There are 2 bulls receiving grants in the Vilavankod taluk; one at Martandam near Kuzhiturai.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: And another?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Another near Kuzhiturai but I do not exactly remember the place.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether there is any bull at Tovala?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: None.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: At Agastisvaram?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: At present none.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the member be pleased to note that Nanjanad and Edanad are the places which require seed bulls?

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MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Yes, I know. But the people there who are prepared to maintain seed bulls ought to have applied for grant. If applications are received they will be considered. No applications were received from Tovala, Agastisvaram and Vilavankod taluks during the past 3 years. So it was not possible to give any grant.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the member be pleased to have bulls at Government cost at important centres in the State?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: It is not possible to maintain bulls in all important centres because of the present financial stringency. The maintenance of one bull in a particular locality would cost Government very nearly Rs. 400 per annum.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the member be pleased to state the amount given by way of grant for maintaining a bull?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Till about two years ago Rs. 75 was given as grant for one bull. Year before the last it was brought down to Rs. 50.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to raise the grant, seeing that the cost of maintenance is very large?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: At present, on account of the financial stringency, it is not possible to raise the grant.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the member be pleased to state whether the breeding farm at Easanthimangalam was working properly?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: It was working properly till it was abolished towards the middle of 1106 as a measure of retrenchment.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether he is of opinion that a sufficient number of seed bulls is maintained?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Government are not of opinion that there is a sufficient number of bulls, and so they have provided Rs. 3,000 in the budget for 1109 under "Purchase of cattle".

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: May I know the number of seed bulls that are now available?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: In the Government farms there are 8 bulls.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: How many are maintained on the responsibility of Government?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Government have got now 8 seed bulls and private individuals are maintaining a few in different parts of the State of which 5 are receiving grants every year.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: May I know from the member whether he proposes to set apart a number of seed bulls at Onattukara?

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MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: If somebody is prepared to maintain a bull, certainly he will be given encouragement by the award of a grant.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: May I know from the member whether he has got any application from any respectable man at Onattukara for maintaining a bull?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: So far none.

Appointment of a Milk Inspector.

47. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI. Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have appointed any Milk Inspector to examine and license the supply of milk?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Government have not appointed any Milk Inspector to examine and license the supply of milk.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the member be pleased to state whether the local hospital authorities get milk for the use of the hospital from the Trivandrum Cattle Farm?

MR K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: A major portion of the supply for the local hospitals is made from the Trivandrum Cattle Farm.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: And the rest?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: I do not know. The hospital authorities alone know that.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Have the Government done anything to improve the milk supply in the State? Are they taking any steps?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: So far Government have not taken any step. But whatever quantity of milk available in the Cattle Farm, will be sent to the town for sale.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Do the Government propose to take steps to improve the condition?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: That is a matter, I think, in which Government should not take any part, because dairy farm is an industrial concern which people ought to take up.

MR. K P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know from the member whether he is aware of the fact that a Bill has been passed in this House to prevent adulteration of milk?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: The Food Adulteration Bill was passed 2 years back.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know from the member what action was taken to carry out the Regulation so far as the Agricultural Department is concerned?

MR. K PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: I claim notice.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know from the member whether he has made any recommendation to Government for insisting upon the carrying out of the Regulation?

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